

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

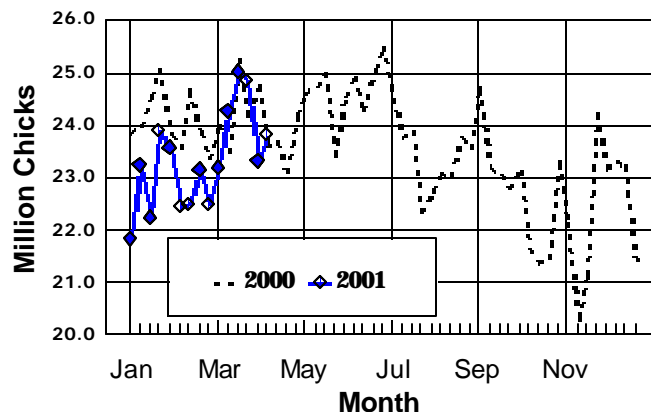
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.8 million during the week ending April 14, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000, and 2 percent above the revised previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through April 14, 2001 were 349.8 million, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.8 million, 1 percent below both the corresponding week a year earlier, and the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.8 percent.

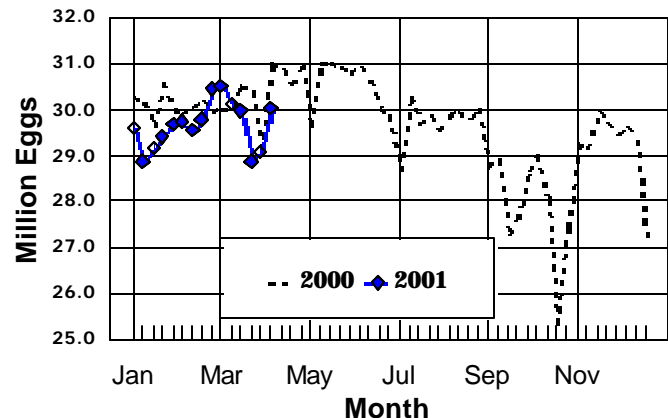
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 14, 2001, 3 percent below the same period last year, but up 3 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Mar. 10	23,490	23,203	99	24,722	24,466	99	30,079	30,536	102
Mar. 17	25,285	24,259	96	24,695	24,708	100	30,563	30,162	99
Mar. 24	24,194	25,011	103	24,901	25,259	101	30,408	29,987	99
Mar. 31	24,765	24,837	100	24,967	25,336	101	29,139	28,886	99
Apr. 7	23,653	23,315	99	25,035	25,003	100	31,071	29,060	94
Apr. 14	23,680	23,813	101	24,986	24,822	99	30,893	30,029	97

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
STATE	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	24-Mar	31-Mar	07-Apr	14-Apr		10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar	07-Apr	14-Apr	
Alabama	28,835 *	29,046	29,114 *	28,979	98	21,388	21,177	21,477	22,454	22,316 *	21,808	102
ARKANSAS	29,987	28,886	29,060	30,029	97	23,203	24,259	25,011	24,837	23,315 *	23,813	101
Delaware	3,682	3,670	3,454	3,737	88	4,817	5,250	4,724	5,276	5,648 *	4,703	100
Florida	2,695	2,678	2,694	2,362	81	2,408	2,400	2,364	2,230	2,186 *	2,468	101
Georgia	31,851	31,519	32,377	32,586	100	24,779	25,941	26,312	26,049	25,534 *	25,427	100
Maryland	8,608	8,624	8,946 *	9,021	100	5,602	6,140	5,714	5,377	5,221 *	5,847	98
Mississippi	19,018	18,670	18,929 *	17,820	96	15,388	15,151	15,954	15,662	15,491 *	15,615	100
N. Carolina	18,098 *	17,948	17,923	17,699	98	14,716	14,873	14,495	14,685	14,446	14,405	104
Pennsylvania	3,548	3,806	3,781 *	3,736	103	2,689	2,744	2,838	2,872	3,041 *	2,649	95
S. Carolina	5,051	4,911	4,889	5,012	104	3,702	3,754	4,245	3,797	4,201	4,584	109
Texas	14,851	14,684	15,192	15,260	102	11,443	11,643	11,778	11,617	11,558	11,606	103
Virginia	6,883	6,686	6,731	6,703	102	5,859	5,373	5,659	5,287	5,450	5,407	96
CA TN & W VA	11,342	11,609	11,570 *	11,371	97	10,412	10,268	10,176	10,091	10,260 *	10,669	101
Total 2000-2001	184,449 *	182,737	184,660 *	184,315		146,406	148,973	150,747	150,234	148,667 *	149,001	
Total 1999-2000	184,908	184,583	187,912	187,448		142,475	147,869	147,502	149,908	147,350	147,705	
% PREV. YEAR	100	99	98	98		103	101	102	100	101	101	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001.....						28-Apr	05-May	12-May	19-May	26-May	02-Jun	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 184 million eggs during the week ending April 14, 2001. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 149 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 14, 2001. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through April 14, 2001 were 2.18 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.